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## The Letter Rebus

PHILIP M. COHEN

You're already familiar with cartoon rebuses, which appear in every issue of *The Four-Star Puzzler*, and probably Wacky Wordie rebuses, which appear periodically in *Games*.

But behind both of these puzzles is the lesser-known letter rebus, which has been a favorite of a smaller number of solvers for over a century.

Unlike cartoon rebuses, which are illustrated and are based on phonetics, letter rebuses contain only printed symbols and are based on orthography. The solution of a letter rebus involves four elements. The solver is given a *display*, or an arrangement of letters and other symbols, with a *clue*, sometimes in verse but here given directly. His *reading* of the display, or his literal interpretation of the letters and symbols, will, with proper re-spacing and punctuation, spell the *answer*.

For example, the display

B

with the clue "large snail," can be described by the reading "a B alone," giving the answer ABALONE. Similarly, the display

MYEC

with the clue "a common operation," can be read as "append EC to MY," or APPENDCTOMY. As you can see, the letter rebus tends to have an elegantly concise display, distinctly shorter than that of most Wacky Wordies.

The letter rebus, interestingly, was thought to have been played out about 60 years ago, when some puzzlers maintained that all the good examples had been exhausted. Such proved not to be the case. Letter rebuses are a vibrant puzzle form today, and a glimpse at the im-

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## 1 Can You Solve These Letter Rebuses?

Each array of letters and symbols below represents a familiar word, name, phrase, or expression. For example, the first arrangement of letters stands for the word BLUNDERS (BL under S). The sec-

ond depicts ABYSMALLY (A by small Y). Clues are provided as help. Solving hints and more examples appear in the article that begins at the left.

*Answers, page 14*

Ex: Mistakes

S  
BL

Ex: In a wretched manner

Ay

1. Elderly relatives

GR + P ≠ S

2. Pardon

C  
D  
E

3. Pre-1776 era (2 wds.)

:IAL.

4. Christmas sweet (2 wds.)

CY C E

5. What drivers yield to fire engines (3 wds.)

W Y

6. Wise shopper's clippings

CO  
S

7. Oral surgeon's case (2 wds.)

C PA

8. Fruit-filled pastry (2 wds.)

EPLE

9. Like target rings

C RIC  
¢

10. Destitute (hyph.)

P X  
T

11. Annual housework (2 wds.)

SPO C

12. Spies (2 wds.)

C  
ENTS  
G

13. Made a quick exit

DESK

14. Old-time photo

T

15. Confess completely (6 wds.)

C BR



## For Starters

Cryptic crosswords used to be known as "British crosswords" in this country, back in the days when these were an exotic transatlantic transplant. Nowadays, with homegrown cryptics appearing in many American magazines and books, the term "British crosswords" is reserved for its more literal meaning—crosswords made in Britain. This month we are happy to present just such a puzzle (page 13), our first real British crossword. The author is H. W. Massingham, better known as "Mass" to his thousands of fans. Comments on this puzzle, and indeed the whole issue, are much welcomed.

### Weng-Nuts

If, like us, you're a fan of the former *New York Times* crossword editor Will Weng (our July 1981 "Who's Who" profile), here's good news: Mr. Weng is now editing four Sunday-size puzzles each month for members of the newly-formed Crosswords Club. At last word, about 4,000 puzzlers had joined. The cost is a bit steep—\$24.75 for a year—but the puzzles are of top caliber, and answers include brief, wry comments by Mr. Weng. To enroll, write: Subscription Dept. F, Crosswords Club, P.O. Box 5555, Lodi, NJ 07644.

### 5th Marriott Competition

While we're on crosswords: The annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament will have its fifth engagement March 5-7 at the Stamford (Conn.) Marriott Hotel. (Last year's tournament was the subject of our June cover article.) For details of this year's competition, write the hotel, 2 Stamford Forum, Stamford, CT 06901. Or call (203) 357-9555.

### Headline of the Month

In case you missed it, the *Chicago Sun-Times* last August 20 printed this wonderfully ambiguous headline (page 56): "Shark Attacks Puzzle Experts." It had us scared for a minute. Thanks to Joseph Antosiak of Park Ridge, IL, for sharing it.

### Sur-Prize

Elsewhere in this issue are the results of November's "Sphinx Page" and "Quick Brown Fox" contests. In case you didn't win one of the prizes, though, here's how to order two of them: Gloria Rosenthal's *In 25 Words or Less: The Complete Guide to Winning Contests* is available for \$4.95 plus \$1.95 postage and handling from Book Beat, Dept. W, Box 554, Valley Stream, NY 11582. And *Word Ways, the Journal of Recreational Linguistics* is available for \$12 a year (four issues) from Spring Valley Road, Morristown, NJ 07960. —W.S.

## In Praise of Azed

Two hundred crossword fans gathered at the Randolph Hotel, Oxford, England, on November 7th to carry on a quaint British tradition: the crossword dinner.

The occasion was a tribute to puzzle-maker Azed (Jonathan Crowther in real life) and a celebration of his 500th fiendish cryptic crossword in London's *Sunday Observer*.

After the diners had eaten their way through the anagrammatical menu (one of the vegetables, for example, was listed as BOIL CROC), many rose to praise the popular cryptic composer. One tribute in verse, parodying Gilbert's *HMS Pinafore*, began: "He's the Azed setter of *The Observer*/And a right good setter, too. . ."

The guest of honor's reply was as entertaining (but not as brain-twisting) as some of his clues, through which he said many of his solvers claimed to be able to read his mind. One such professed to have deduced that he was a "drunken, womanizing vicar, with a taste for corporal punishment." But as Azed pointed out, anyone could see he wasn't a vicar.

*The Observer* generously supplied the wine for the meal and also delivered copies of the following day's paper containing the AZED 500th Crossword itself. Many of those present were well into this *tour de force* before the evening was out.

As a side competition, the puzzlers were invited to write a cryptic clue for the word DAZED. The winner, by popular acclaim, wrote: "I'm bewildered by d--- torturer, whichever way he pulls" (D + AZED, and D + DEZA, the grand Spanish inquisitor, backwards).

—BRIAN HEAD

## Hume Craft: 1912-1981

Hume R. Craft, one of the grand masters of crossword puzzles, died September 14 at the home of a son in Aurora, Colorado, after several months' bout with cancer.

A painstaking worker who wore wire-rimmed glasses and long, silver hair, Craft constructed over 5,000 crosswords in his lifetime. He sold his first puzzle to the *New York World* in 1927, while still a student in high school. With his retirement in 1975 as a health physicist for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, TN, Craft made puzzles his full-time work. His constructions appeared frequently in the Dell puzzle magazines, *New York Times*, and other publications.

Readers who would like to read more about Hume Craft should refer to the *Crossword Puzzle Compendium* by Norton Bramesco and Jordan Lasher.

## Rebus Cartoons A Four-Star Contest

**Grand Prize:** An original rebus cartoon on your name, illustrated by Kimble Mead

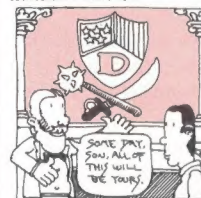
**10 Runner-Up Prizes:** Issue of *Superb Word Games* magazine

**Contest Puzzles This Issue:** 2, 5, 8, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 43, and 44

**How to Solve:** The caption above each cartoon gives the category and number of letters of the answer, which is hidden phonetically in the cartoon in one or more of the following ways:

1. Words or hyphenated syllables actually spoken by the cartoon characters or appearing in the cartoon;
2. Synonyms of words spoken or appearing in the cartoon;
3. Names of prominent objects in the picture;
4. Isolated letters in the picture;
5. Words implied by the action or subject of the scene.

National Park: 4, 5

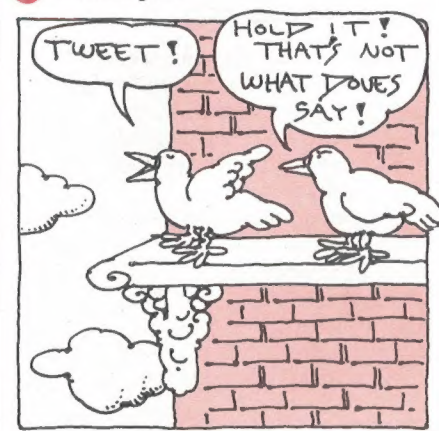


For example, the answer to the cartoon at left is Mesa Verde, sounded out by the pictured MACE, spoken OF, implied HEIR, and written D (MACE-OF-HEIR-D).

**How to Enter:** On a postcard or back of an envelope, print the answers with phonetic explanations to as many February rebuses as you can solve. Send to "Rebus Puzzles," *The Four-Star Puzzler*, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Entries must be received by February 28, 1982.

**Winning:** The winner will be the reader who correctly solves the most cartoons. Those who submit the ten next best entries will be runners-up. In case of ties, winners will be chosen by random drawing. Answers and winners' names will appear in the May issue.

### 2 Country: 6





# 3 Valentine's Special

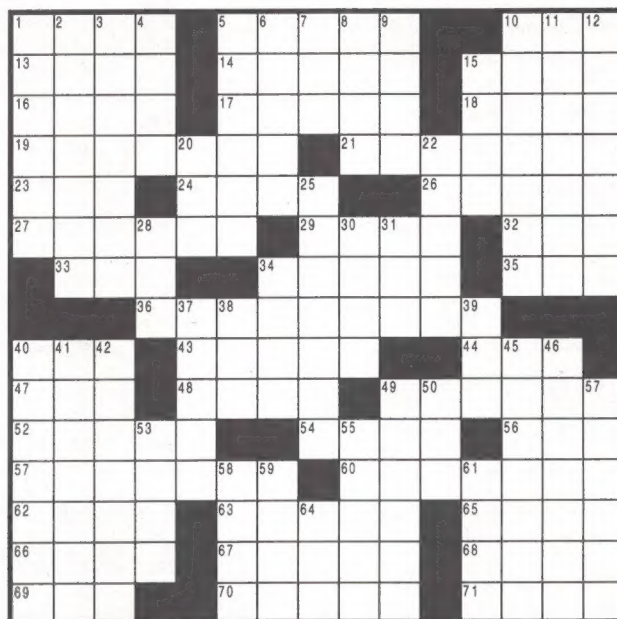
DOROTHEA SHIPP

## ACROSS

- 1 Aftward  
5 On top of the world?  
10 Fourth-yr. students  
13 Golf club  
14 Monsieur Zola  
15 Fancified leftovers  
16 *Bambina's* name  
17 Actress Carter et al.  
18 Dissolute sort  
19 Zing thing, so they sing  
21 Fireside  
23 Summer, *s'il vous plait*  
24 Patronize the library  
26 "I've \_\_\_\_!"  
27 Dancer's partner  
29 Johnny Carson's home state  
32 Essentially  
33 Greek vowel  
34 As good \_\_\_\_ (repaired)  
35 French possessive
- 36 With cheer  
40 One of TV's "Bosom Buddies"  
43 Family of a 1947 Nobelist  
44 Doc's grp.  
47 \_\_\_\_ way (somewhat)  
48 Celtic village  
49 Shenanigans  
52 Button material  
54 Poet Teasdale  
56 Poseidon's realm  
57 Desiccated  
60 *Show Boat* star  
62 "\_\_\_\_ Soul"  
63 Oregon city  
65 Name akin to Ralph  
66 Platypi, originally  
67 Opera section  
68 "\_\_\_\_ in the Highlands": Burns  
69 \_\_\_\_ Moines  
70 Monthly payments  
71 Helper: Abbr.
- 2 Barley beards  
3 Question  
4 Knot on a piece of wood  
5 Vaudevillian Joe  
6 The end  
7 Mae West portrayal  
8 Generous, facetiously  
9 Hebrew letter  
10 \_\_\_\_ attention (obeyed the sergeant)  
11 Meet after too long  
12 February 14 honorees  
15 Guadelajara gal: Abbr.  
20 Not mere annoyance  
22 Garment for Granny  
25 Induces dejection  
28 Crone  
30 Wallet fillers  
31 Midweek, on calendars  
34 Egyptian lizard

## DOWN

- 1 Generous



- 37 Watched covetously  
38 Ewing's wealth  
39 Monogram of a famous quarterback  
40 Sympathetic  
41 Angry  
42 Activities for fathers-to-be
- 45 States incorrectly  
46 Casanova's card?  
49 Bakery waftings  
50 Catch red-handed  
51 Most lucid  
53 Team that listens to WKRP?
- 55 "\_\_\_\_ we all?"  
58 Major world power: Abbr.  
59 *Requiescat in \_\_\_\_*  
61 Columnist Bombeck  
64 Mr. Bernstein, to friends

# 4 For English Majors

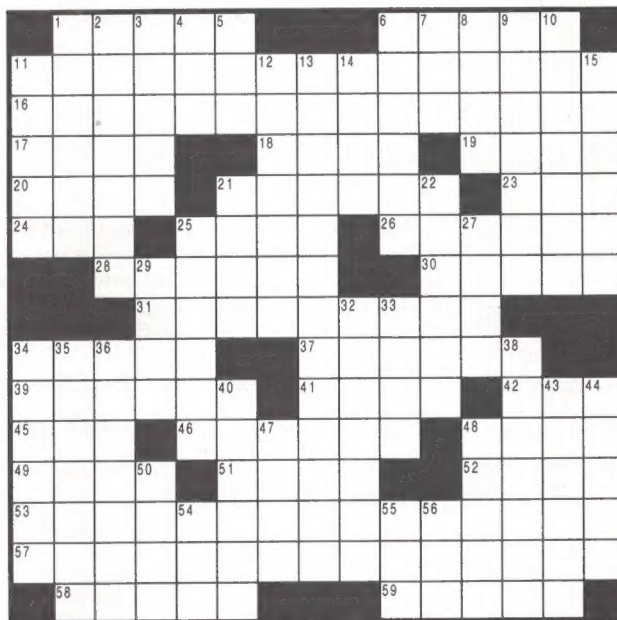
JACK LUZZATTO

## ACROSS

- 1 Disillusioned and disgusted  
6 "Ad \_\_\_\_ per aspera," Kansas' motto  
11 The ways and means of poets  
16 He might bola you over  
17 Fissure  
18 "... boom, what you \_\_\_\_ me"  
19 Transatlantic cable car  
20 Coolidge et al.  
21 Refuse?  
23 One prefix  
24 Airport guess: Abbr.  
25 Big horn  
26 Item for the patent office  
28 Some chinaware  
30 Saltpeter  
31 Out of shape  
34 Pepper variety  
37 Tin alloy  
39 Beating
- 41 Harem rooms  
42 Venomous viper  
45 \_\_\_\_ Tamid (synagogue lamp)  
46 Violent nonconformists  
48 Prerequisite for 26-Across  
49 Stagehand for scene-shifting  
51 Way of life?  
52 Native of Turku  
53 Strangers  
57 Literary kin to personification  
58 Mary and Sue  
59 \_\_\_\_ fast one
- 7 Soda fountain, to Down Easters  
8 Germanic: Abbr.  
9 New kid on the base?  
10 "Taking \_\_\_\_ on Love"  
11 Travesty  
12 Wager among kibitzers  
13 Like "crash" or "blam," e.g.  
14 Party  
15 More comfy  
21 Muscovite or muzjik: Abbr.  
22 Doctrines  
25 Mr. Sew-and-Sew?  
27 See, as instructed  
29 German river  
32 High-grade tobacco  
33 Word before brilliant  
34 Absolutely first-rate

## DOWN

- 1 Choose as a target  
2 Partition in a crate of "Grade A Extra Large"  
3 Airs for pairs  
4 Ash container  
5 Loved one  
6 Heller novel, *Good \_\_\_\_*



- 35 Not for just a day  
36 Hardly prodigal  
38 Description for 46-Across  
40 Suits  
43 Iroquois tribe
- 44 Deep violet hue  
47 Romantic Pacific isle  
48 "\_\_\_\_ the world were paper..."  
50 Prayer stick used by the
- Hopi Indians  
54 What boys will be  
55 Seance sound  
56 Not merely a cold



**The Letter Rebus, cont'd**

mense variety of devices used in them will reveal why.

The position of the display letters is the key to many answers. For example, the arrangement

C  
T

represents the word COVERT (C over T), while

ST ING  
M

is read as MISUNDERSTANDING (M is under ST and ING). Examples of position on one line would be

SURE

to be answered as SATURATE (S at UR at E), and

URGE

to be deciphered as PASTURAGE (past UR a GE). Clues, of course, would be needed to make these examples solvable.

All letters in a display are capitalized unless the reading calls for a difference, as with

BE D

which represents the word BELITTLED (B,E, little D).

Roman numerals can be used in two ways:

6R9

which represents AVIATRIX (a VI at R, IX), and

CHIVES

which spells FOUR INCHES (four in CHES).

The display can refer to letters crossed out:

A

which represents AVOIDED (A voided); or even letters that are not shown:

W D R

which equals IT MAKES ONE WONDER (i.e., the letters W,D,R make O,N,E into WONDER).

In the reading, the composer can command the solver:

MENT

which is READJUSTMENT (read just MENT); describe the situation:

D

which is DISSOLUTION (D is solution); speak to the display:

GHT

which is BETHOUGHT (be thou GHT); or even have the display itself speak:

S

which is SIAM (S I am).

These rebuses, of course, are only examples of the many devices that can be used. On page 1 of this issue are variations on the above, and rebuses employing other tricks, with clues, for you to solve. After you've tried them, we invite you to submit your own rebus in the contest below.

*The letter rebuses that appear in this article and the puzzle on page 1 were originally printed in The Enigma, the magazine of the National Puzzlers' League, and were composed by: Norman Bowman, William G. Bryan, Philip M. Cohen, J.W. Foster, Marjorie Friedman, Blake Greenlee, Mary J. Hazard, Noble Holderread, J. Lloyd Hood, Charles Jacobsen, Samuel Lerner, Frank G. Mills, Murray R. Pearce, Joshua Prince, Fred J. Schwab, and Alan Wayne.*

## Compose-A-Rebus Competition

**Grand Prize:** A Deluxe Tournament Othello set from Gabriel

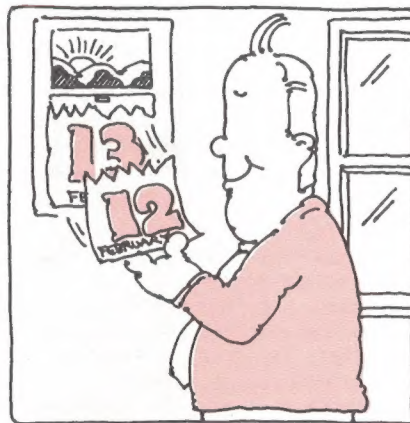
**10 Runner-Up Prizes:** *Games Galore* puzzle book by the editors of *Games*

Now that you understand the workings of the letter rebus, and have tried the example puzzles on page 1, we'd like you to create a letter rebus of your own.

The display for your rebus should be printable in the usual *Four-Star* type, and the answer should be a familiar word, name, phrase, or expression. Entries will be judged on cleverness and originality.

Write the display, the clue, and the answer on a postcard or the back of an envelope, and send to "Compose-A-Rebus," *The Four-Star Puzzler*, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. (Hide the answer if you want us to try your rebus, but be sure to include it.) Entries must be received by February 28, 1982. Winners' names and rebuses will appear in the June issue.

### 5 Beatles Song: 3,7



## Sphinx Contest

### Results from November

Nearly five hundred readers paid homage to the Sphinx by entering the first puzzle verse solving competition in the November issue. Of the 498 entries received, a surprising 372 contained correct solutions to all 20 puzzles. The winner, selected in a random drawing from perfect entries, is Jim Larsen of Monsey, NY, who will receive an "Escape 1000 Mazes" electronic game from Entex.

Runners-up, each receiving *In 25 Words or Less: The Complete Guide to Winning Contests* by Gloria Rosenthal, are: Sheila J. Danby, Devon, PA; Mrs. W. J. Distler, Largo, FL; Joe Grossman, Boulder, CO; Jon Hansen, Lincoln, NE; Larry Knock, Roseburg, OR; Christine D. Langley, Kingston, WA; Meredy Mastrokalos, Freehold, NJ; Anna Motzner, Pompano Beach, FL; Frederick C. Pritzlaff, Milwaukee, WI; and Deborah L. Shafer, Royal Oak, MI.

The correct answers were: 8. Lei-surely; 9. Stencil/clients; 10. The-rap-y, 11. S-cream; 12. Deflated/defeated; 13. Discus-s; 14. Forest-all; 15. Shindig/dishing; 16. Lo-we-st; 17. Slope/elope; 18. Bordellos/doorbells; 19. Chin-aware; 20. Fl-aunt-ing; 21. S-wall-ows; 22. Leashless/seashells; 23. Curtailment; 24. The Christmas stocking; 25. The cafeteria; 26. A French-English dictionary; 27. April showers bring May flowers.

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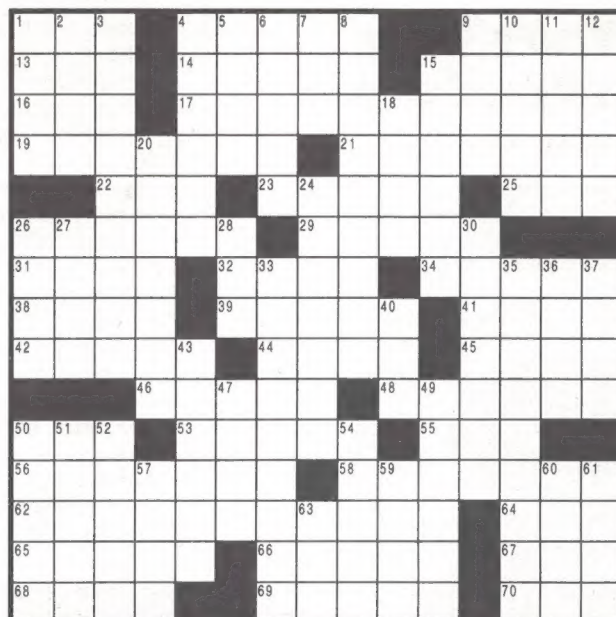
HENRY HOOK

### ACROSS

- 1 Two, in Tampico  
4 Where Stanley found Livingstone  
9 Habilidad  
13 Baseballer's bane  
14 Conundrum  
15 Flower's friend  
16 Kittly-benders  
17 With 19, 39, 58, and 62-Across, H.L. Mencken's definition of love  
19 See 17-Across  
21 Prove baffling  
22 Founder of the Girl Scouts  
23 Copycat's practice  
25 Hot time in Paris  
26 Stable comment  
29 Spots  
31 Colson's cohort  
32 Compatriot  
34 Basil's co-star  
38 Vote from the other side  
39 See 17-Across  
41 *May 3, 1808* artist  
42 Sandal part
- 44 \_\_\_\_ *Misbehavin'*  
45 Not one  
46 25% of all bridge players  
48 Tourists to Hawaii  
50 Hockey star Nilsson  
53 Bombay-born batonwielder  
55 Four-pg. ad  
56 Party dress?  
58 See 17-Across  
62 See 17-Across  
64 \_\_\_\_-Turn  
65 Villains in the storybooks  
66 St. Nick's chronicler  
67 Bakery purchase: Abbr.  
68 Underworld sidearms  
69 Chimène's husband  
70 Sometime limit
- 2 "That smarts!"  
3 Enter furtively  
4 Where some els lead  
5 Mound star Tommy  
6 Crystal gazer's first words  
7 Ebsen role . . .  
8 . . . and co-star  
9 Hornet  
10 First name of Nana's creator  
11 No longer bedridden  
12 Beauty-shop application  
15 *Pilgrim's Progress* author  
18 Historian's writings  
20 "All for one" insurance policy  
24 Seer of a sort  
26 Word with "if" or "for"  
27 "How's that again?"  
28 Become deflected  
30 Say goodnight, Dick

### DOWN

- 1 Cole Porter's "Let's \_\_\_\_"



- 33 Disgusting  
35 Prevents the puck's passing, perhaps  
36 Rochester's love  
37 Didion's *Play It As It \_\_\_\_*  
40 Utmost  
43  $\Gamma$  and  $\gamma$
- 47 Connery, but not Cassidy  
49 Batman's butler  
50 \_\_\_\_ grabs  
51 Slow, in the orchestra pit  
52 Part of Norway's cartography
- 54 Having a special purpose  
57 Iowa town  
59 Yesterday: Ital.  
60 Karpov's castle  
61 Actress Parker  
63 "My Mama Done \_\_\_\_ Me"

## 7 Cryptic Crossword

MERL REAGLE

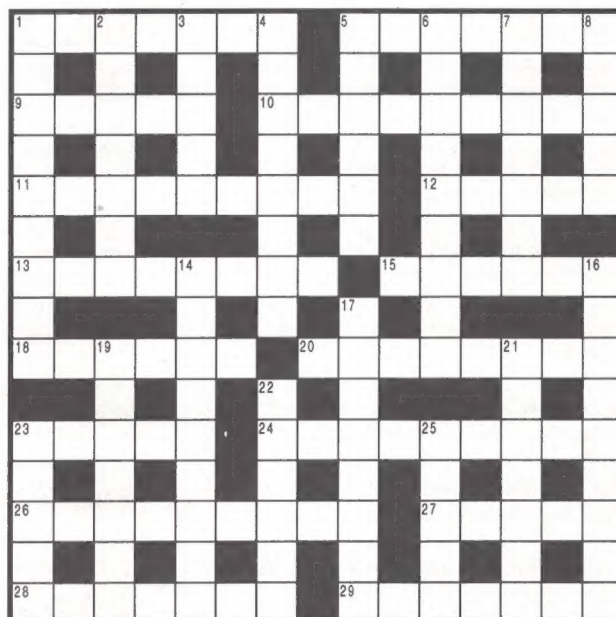
Each cryptic clue contains two indications of its answer—a direct or indirect definition, and some sort of wordplay on it (anagram, pun, or reversal, etc.). You'll know when you have an answer because every word in the clue will have a role in leading you to it. Explanations will appear with answers next month.

### ACROSS

- 1 Virginia visitor is most uncertain (7)  
5 Picking performers to act! sing! dance! (7)  
9 *Dream, Heartless One* is a play (5)  
10 Inspectors return murder weapon to underground men (9)  
11 Verbally agree to boys keeping one, time and time again (9)  
12 Struggle out of corset top (3-2)  
13 Midwesterner finds a "goddess" in a tavern (8)  
15 Chariot with its top down crashes into a kind of balloon (3-3)  
18 Japanese circus performers said to be tops? (6)  
20 This exit otherwise gives you only a fraction of a minute (8)  
23 It's been cast in gold for so long (5)
- 24 Surprisingly, Maine's not a state (9)  
26 "Fowl cries come from fowl mouths" written on the outside of funny card (9)  
27 Rewrite story, for beginners (5)  
28 Plains physician swallowed by fish (7)  
29 Small cutter left behind exotic places (7)

### DOWN

- 1 Rocky did voices for new entertainment medium (9)  
2 Briefly looked at cut made after middle of surgery (7)  
3 Second and third parts of test are set around 10 a.m., leading to harder tests (5)  
4 Foolish to let eat, let alone drink (8)  
5 Santa heard part of the sentence (6)



- 6 Satisfies with formal outfit and ermine (5,2,1,1)  
7 There's a certain stagnancy in finer tiaras (7)  
8 Relish got us sick (5)  
14 Topless dancer conceals name from emcee (9)  
16 Picks up sound cues in the course of actual run-through (9)  
17 Patrol boats have contained Mideast area
- uprising, key experts disclosed (8)  
19 Incredibly moronic letter (7)  
21 Wild pig tore into vanity case? (3,4)  
22 Gambles, loses \$1,000, and walks (6)  
23 Apparently one member of a comedy team is a religious man (5)  
25 Another way to re-tax? That's too much! (5)



## Who's Who in Puzzledom

Jordan Lasher

If solving a Sunday crossword puzzle seems like running a marathon, then taking on a puzzle by Jordan Lasher is akin to entering a steeplechase: surprises and hurdles lurk throughout the course.



In a puzzle titled "Phonetics" a few years ago, for example, Lasher included such answers as O 2 B IN ENGLAND (clued as "famous Robert Browning line"), TELL ME Y ("1951 song"), and AN I 4 AN I ("retribution"). Another Lasher twist appeared in a daily *New York Times* crossword on one April 1st. The middle entry in the grid had the clue, "How to get the message." The answer, READ THE DIAGONAL, led solvers to discover the following hidden phrase: WE FOOLED YOU. HA! HA!

"To me," Lasher says, "a good puzzle is one with unusual words, good definitions, some challenge, some humor, and an attractive pattern." The pattern, he feels, is particularly important, and he is known for some of the most daring grids. He has, for example, painstakingly constructed a 15x15 puzzle with only 58 words, way below the norm of 76, and made another with only 23 black squares, below the par of 37. Would he strive to lower those numbers? "As far as I know, no one has beaten them and it would be time-consuming to try," he says quietly—then pauses and adds, "but if I'm challenged..."

Whatever their format, Lasher's puzzles are always demanding. "None of my puzzles has ever been called easy," he volunteers. "I've tried making them easy but it just doesn't work."

Not surprisingly, Lasher was the man recruited in 1978 to construct a puzzle for the "First World Class Crossword Puzzle Marathon," sponsored by Hemming-Hulburt Booksellers in Beachwood, Ohio. Entrants had 24 hours and unlimited use of the store's 30,000 volumes to find solutions. No perfect scores were recorded for what Lasher unabashedly calls "the toughest crossword ever," mercilessly filled with such clue-and-answer combinations as "Period of five nameless days added to the Mayan calendar"—UAYEB, and "Shogun of the Tokugawas"—IEMITSU. The entire puzzle was reprinted in the January/February issue of *Games*.

Lasher has been a puzzle fan since childhood, growing up in the Bronx, NY, and helping his father solve crosswords. He even constructed one for his junior high school newspaper ("Complete with mistake: I spelled TOMATOES without the E," he chuckles). But Lasher actually owes his puzzle career to a 1970 bout with mononucleosis. Bedridden, he used the time to construct crosswords, and shortly thereafter sold his first to the *New York Times*.

Regaining his health, Lasher contributed puzzles to what he calls "the class markets," including the *Times*, Simon and Schuster, Dell, Bantam, *Games*, and two newspaper syndicates. In 1980 he co-authored the *Crossword Puzzle Compendium* (Consumer Guide; reviewed in *Games* September/October 1981), an informative collection of puzzle lore, tips on constructing and solving, and 40 first-rate puzzles.

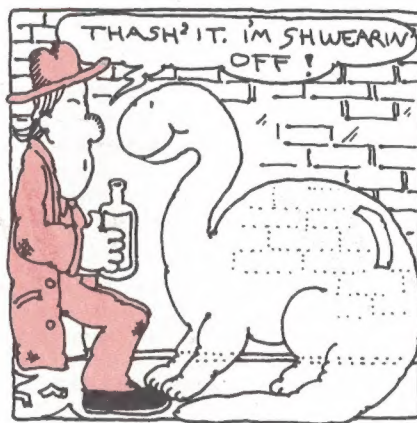
Aided by 400 reference books, Lasher constructs puzzles at home from 9 to 11 p.m., averaging 24 hours to complete a Sunday-size puzzle. During the day he works as a chemical engineer for the Gulf Oil Corporation in Pittsburgh, helping to develop methods of removing sulfur from fuel oil at refineries. He calls his two careers "an anomaly," but once managed to link them through the puzzle clue-and-answer "oil of vitriol, chemically"—AITCH TWO ESS OH FOUR.

Married and the father of a son, 7, and a daughter, 1, Lasher enjoys family outings, hockey and baseball games, tennis, and mysteries. Though his puzzle output has slowed in the past year because of family obligations, Lasher vows he will step up his pace again. Thus alerted, solvers would do well to recall an answer Lasher once used with the clue "prudent proverb": LOOK B 4 U LEAP.

—ROBERT D. SPURRIER

*Note: A classic puzzle by Jordan Lasher appears on page 11.*

### 8 TV Personality: 5, 5



## 9 Can You Answer This?

You may not know the answers to all of these questions, but think of the interesting additions to your knowledge!

*Answers, page 14*

1. True or false? The French flag is composed of, left to right, three equal stripes of blue, white, and red.

2. "And you each gentle animal/To you for life may bind/And make it follow at your call/If you are always kind." What's the source of these lines?

3. When is it proper for a person to be called to the witness stand to give testimony for the defense, during the same case in which that person is a juror?

4. Very few but the most erudite of Anglophiles have heard of Lord Leofric. But we all know who his wife was ... don't we?

5. What's a liger?

6. One Scottish custom dictates that the proper way to do something at a party is with one foot on the table and the other on a chair. What do the Scots do in this odd stance?

7. In declining an honorary degree from Oxford University in 1855, Millard Fillmore said, "No man should accept a degree he cannot ..." what?

8. The U.S. gold depository is in Fort Knox, KY. Where is the U.S. silver depository?

9. There's a French town on the Coulon River, about 30 miles from Avignon, with a very apt name. What is it?

10. With what name did Domenico Theotocopoulos sign his work?

11. The girl from Ipanema, the two gentlemen of Verona, or the little Dutch boy—who'd be most likely to stand up if an orchestra played "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"?

12. What's so special about Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution in Salt Lake City?

13. Rome's Italians, Dublin's Irish, Tel Aviv's Jews—are any of these groups outnumbered by their countrymen who live in New York City?

14. An anonymous wag once described it as looking like "the Empire State Building after taxes." What is it?

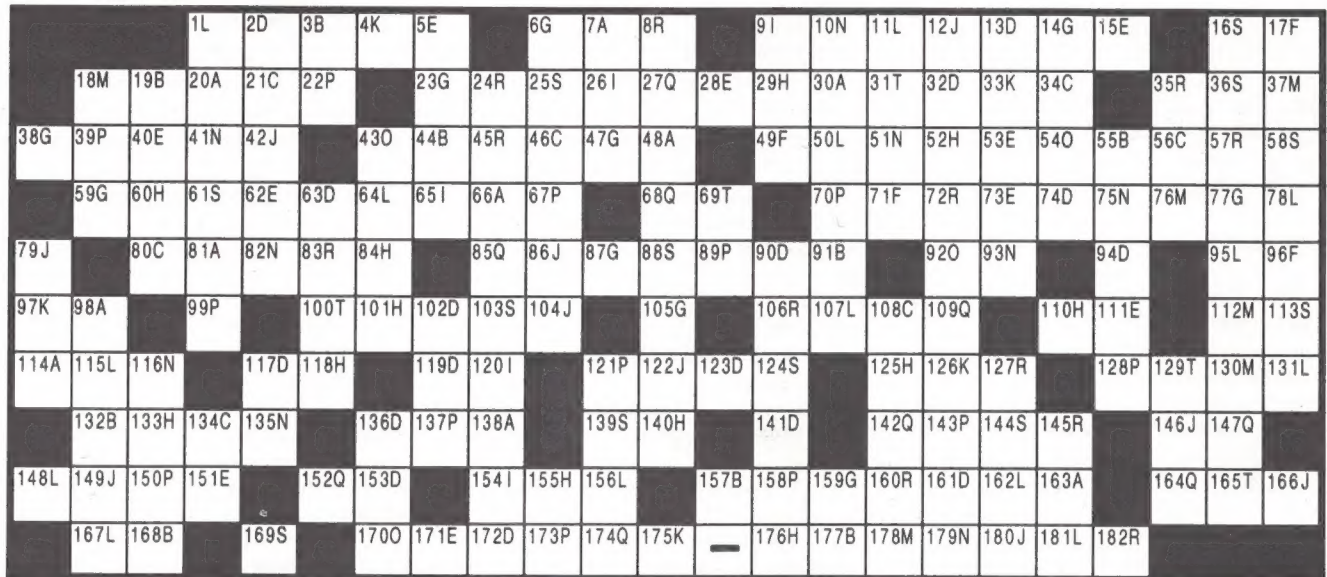
15. For those among us who eat while watching TV, which of these shows is best recommended as an aid to digestion: *Mork and Mindy*, *Lou Grant*, or the six o'clock news?

16. Lord Byron, Napoleon Bonaparte, the Duke of Wellington, John James Audubon, Charles Dickens, Jonathan Swift, Thomas Edison, William Shakespeare, and Frank Sinatra. What's the common denominator among all these famous men?



# 10 Acrostic Puzzle

CHARLES A. DUERR



Answer the clues for words to be entered on the numbered dashes. Then transfer the letters on the dashes to the correspondingly numbered squares in the puzzle grid to spell a quotation reading left to right. Black squares separate words in the quotation. Work back and forth between grid and word list to complete the puzzle. When you are done, the initial letters of the words in the word list will spell the name of the author and the source of the quotation.

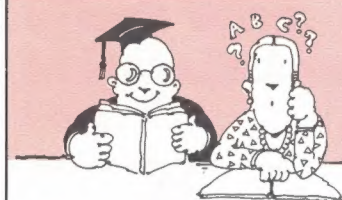
## Clues

## Word List

- A. Tending to arouse aversion, forbidding 81 98 48 30 66 7 114 163 20 138
- B. Reflection of past splendor, success, or emotion 19 168 132 44 177 91 55 3 157
- C. Hare during its first year 34 134 56 21 108 46 80
- D. Elite Hibernians (2 wds., 1 hyph.) 13 94 123 102 32 172 74 63 141  
117 90 161 153 119 136 2
- E. Blossom 5 151 111 28 171 40 62 53 73 15
- F. Undiluted 17 71 96 49
- G. Acting in an arrogant or pompous manner 59 6 105 87 23 38 159 77 47 14
- H. "It was a delightful visit—perfect in being \_\_\_\_" (Jane Austen, *Emma*; 3 wds.) 52 101 176 133 125 29 110 140 155  
60 84 118
- I. Units, separate things 9 154 26 65 120

- J. Remain unyielding in adversity (3 wds.) 166 146 122 79 42 86 104 149 12 180
- K. Harness parts 126 33 97 175 4
- L. Huddie Ledbetter song of 1936, a hit for the Weavers in 1950 (2 wds.) 148 107 167 11 162 64 95 50 1  
181 115 156 78 131
- M. Raise in relief 18 130 76 178 112 37
- N. "\_\_\_\_ never made a good bargain" (*Poor Richard's Almanack*) 10 51 41 82 179 93 75 116 135
- O. Collection of Old Norse poetry 54 170 43 92
- P. Related to a foreign minister 143 121 173 99 67 128 137 70 158  
22 89 39 150
- Q. A name for Jesus (3 wds.) 174 27 109 68 152 147 142 164 85
- R. One trying to get elected (2 wds.) 8 106 45 83 182 24 72 145 57  
160 127 35
- S. Skill in handling a situation to one's own advantage 88 139 61 36 103 144 169 25 58  
124 16 113
- T. Indian tribe of southern Arizona and Sonora, Mexico 69 129 100 165 31





# The Logic Page



Answers, page 14

## 11 A Strange I. L. K.

LEIGH KING

The five key men at International Lock and Key Corporation were well-known for their preferences and peculiarities. Each had an office on one of the top floors of the I.L.K. Building, and each had a notable private secretary. The men's positions were president, vice-president, board chairman, research director, and sales manager; their first names were Aaron, James, John, Quincy, and Thomas; their last names were Adams, Burr, Hancock, Jefferson, and Madison; their offices were located in 35-S, 36-S, 35-N, 36-N, and the penthouse suite; their individual preferences included long black cigars, cheese Danish, fast Italian sports cars, suede jackets, and bow ties; peculiarities included an abnormal fear of all automobiles, never allowing coffee breaks, donating generously to offbeat charities, never wearing a hat, and jogging during office hours; the secretaries were Miss Grant, Miss Jackson, Miss Lee, Mr. Perry, and Mrs. Pershing.

From the clues below, match names, put each in the right office with the right secretary, and distinguish the preferences and peculiarities of each.

### Clues

1. When Miss Jackson's boss began jogging, Burr would almost bite through his cigar in frustrated rage at the noise coming through his ceiling; the vice-president, who could also hear the racket, would smile stoically and continue working.

2. The man who never wore hats was afraid he would lose his secretary after she became engaged to Aaron's secretary, who worked across the hall.

3. Mrs. Pershing rarely saw the other secretaries as she was usually busy during their coffee breaks.

4. Thomas' bow ties were almost as much a joke among the staff as the president's suede jackets.

5. Adams would turn pale with fear every time Quincy offered to take him for a ride in his sports car.

6. Miss Grant's stony stare and "No Solicitors" sign did not fully protect her easy-mark boss in Suite 36-S.

7. Every time the board chairman stopped in to see Madison, he had to go upstairs and across the hall.

8. At the staff meeting, John personally ushered the others into his penthouse office as they arrived; first the sales manager from 35-N, followed by the man from 36-N, then James, and finally the man from 35-S.

9. The man who liked cheese Danish was in the office directly below research and across the hall from Hancock.

10. Miss Lee worked on the 35th floor.

11. Thomas was envious of Madison's position.

## 12 The Main Event

MICHAEL MICHAELSON

It was once again time for Chabommee's "Septennial Games," and Forbin Furgette of the Chabommee Gazette had been sent to cover the one-day spectacle. Unfortunately, when Forbin got back to his office, he found he'd misplaced the last page of his notes, on which he had written the overall standings of the five teams. He remembered, though, that there were no ties in the final scoring.

The rulebook, which Forbin found while cleaning his lunchpail, stated: 1) first place in each event earned five points, second place earned three, and third place earned one; 2) each team had to enter exactly three events; and 3) no two teams could enter the same three events.

The first page of Forbin's notes listed the five teams (Ambidextrous Academy, Brawny Boarding School, Calisthenics College, Inept Institute, and Second-Rate State) and the five events (daredevil diving, hopscotch relay, pogo cross-country, tiddlywinks tourney, and wheelbarrow race), two of which were held in the morning.

Can you help Forbin save his job by determining each team's performance in each event, and the overall standings, from the following information in his notebook?

### Clues

1. The team from Calisthenics College had accumulated four points by lunchtime.

2. The hopscotch relay was the only common event between the overall first and last-place teams.

3. Ambidextrous Academy was the only team that didn't win any event.

4. Brawny Boarding School was entered in the hopscotch relay and the pogo cross-country, and also took second place in the event against Inept Institute and Second-Rate State.

5. The team that won the pogo cross-country in the morning was first in the overall standings.

6. The Inept Institute team partied the night before the games, and slept through the morning events.

7. The team that won third place in the diving event also earned a first and a third in the morning.

8. Ambidextrous Academy did better in the wheelbarrow race than in either of its other two events.

9. Second-Rate State entered the pogo cross-country and the wheelbarrow race, but not the tiddlywinks tourney.

## 13 Bingo Math

BILL HALLIDAY

Here's the bingo card the guy next to me had when he won, the dirty. . . Anyway, despite my annoyance at losing, I noticed something unusual about his winning row of numbers (the top row, left blank here). One of the five numbers was a factor of three of the others, and all ten digits were accounted for somewhere in the row. Can you determine the winner's lucky numbers?

B I N G O				
1-15	16-30	31-45	46-60	61-75
9	18	41	46	68
4	25	FREE	59	62



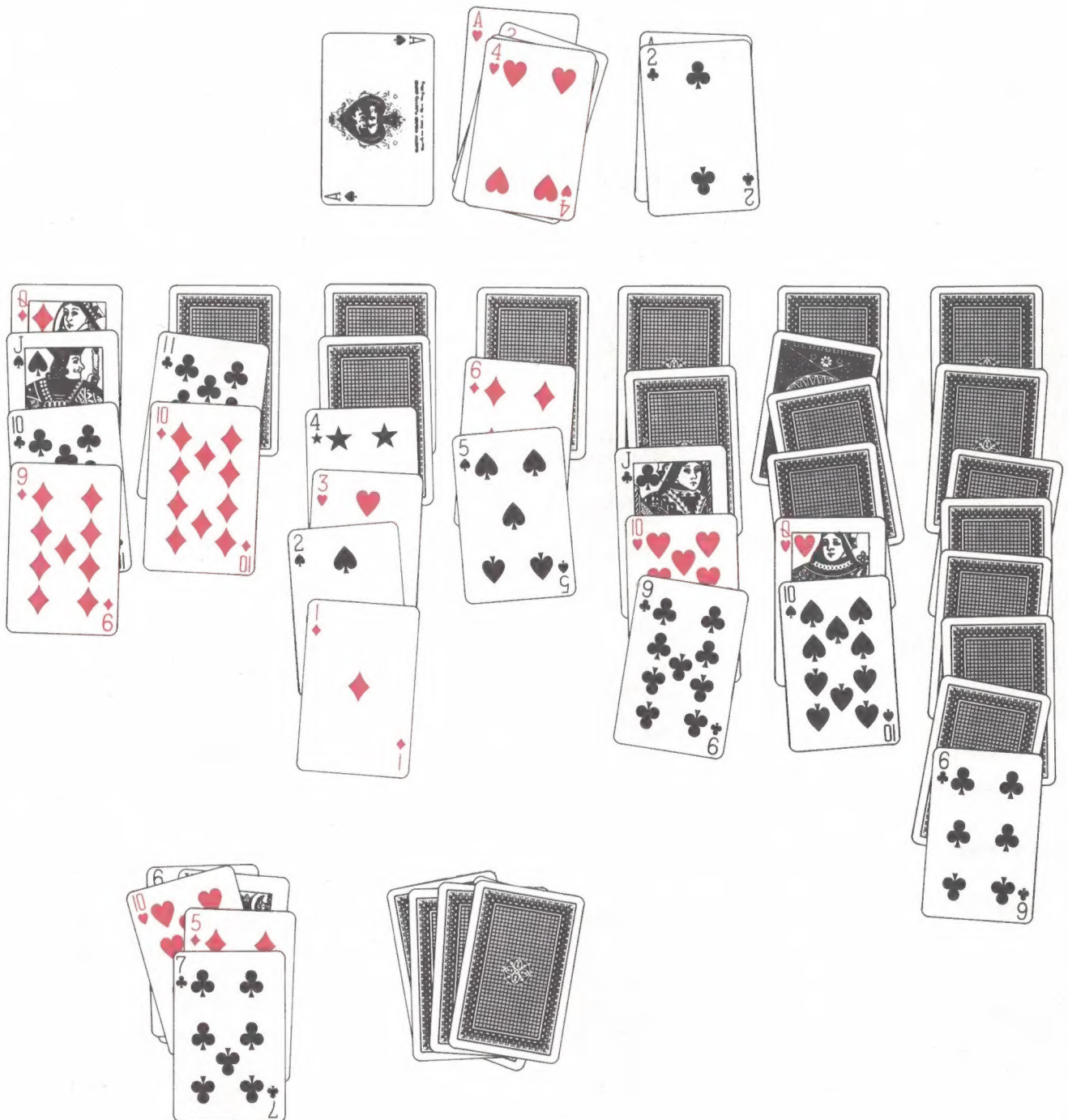
# 14 What's Wrong With This Card Layout?

HENRY HOOK

We've sometimes been accused of not playing with a full deck. Well, that's not strictly true. We *do* play with a full deck; it's just that our cards and some of our rules are a little crazy.

Below you see the tableau of our current game of solitaire in progress. How many of the 12 errors—in the deck itself or our playing procedure—can you spot?

*Answer, page 14*







# The Sphinx Page



Each puzzle in verse below contains two or more missing words to be guessed, in such forms as transposals (e.g., MEDICAL/DECIMAL/CLAIMED), charades (WOO + DEN = WOODEN), letter changes (AVENUE/AVENGE), beheadments (CHEAT/HEAT/EAT), letter deletions (ASHTRAY/ASTRAY), and reversals (TIMER/REMIT). These keywords are represented by w's, x's, y's, and z's—one for each letter in an omitted word. When the keywords have been correctly guessed, each verse will read with proper rhyme and meter, and will express an interesting thought, situation, or story.

An anagram is an apposite rearrangement of the letters in a word, name, or familiar phrase. For example, I'M A PENCIL DOT is an anagram of DECIMAL POINT.

Numbers in parentheses indicate lengths of answers. In anagrams, asterisks indicate capitalized words.

## 15 Transposal (4)

A painter named Xxxx, one hot, sunny day,  
xxxx down his brushes and wandered away.  
His painting—a clock in traditional style—  
Soon became modern; the sun thawed the xxxx!

Gary Disch, Ottawa, Ontario

## 16 Charade (7)

We had planned a romantic appointment;  
We would xxx all alone under stars,  
And drink yyyy, which would heighten our spirits,  
As we searched for Orion and Mars.  
When he asked for my hand late that evening,

I at first thought that marriage was meant.  
Then I saw he was drunk and was stumbling,  
And xxxyyyy was his only intent.

Vickie Charlton, Belmont, MA

## 17 Letter Change (8)

Said the fireman, "There's a blaze, and, to be candid,  
I xxxxxxxx the danger to be great,  
So the residents nearby have been commanded  
To xxxxxxxx before it is too late."

Scott Marley, Santa Ana, CA

## 18 Beheadments (7, 6, 5, 4)

Our township's staid zyxxxx, a man of renown,  
Was a popular guest at the feasts in our town.  
He was prone to ywxxxx escapades of his youth  
(But his listeners knew he was stretching the truth!).  
He could always wxxxx us with yarns he'd embellish,  
And no matter how xxxx, we would listen with relish.

Marie Horejs, Omaha, NE

## 19 Letter Deletion (6, 5)

"How dare they xxxxx to cite my plaque  
As poor in symmetry?"  
The artist wailed, "Those judges lack True taste, you must agree!"  
In truth, xxyxxx was not the cause Of their official frown.  
The plaque itself was free from flaws—  
But hanging upside down.

Carroll Mayers, Roswell, NM

## 20 Reversal (5)

The king has lost his xxxxx air.  
What's worse, he doesn't even care!  
For too much xxxxx beer, you see,  
Has made him common as can be.

Maureen Kennerk, Hicksville, OH

## 21 Transposal (9; 5, 4)

Musically sensitive, unlike most hounds,  
Fido appreciates Dixieland sounds.  
Camped by the hi-fi, he's happy all day  
Hearing the horn of Jack Xxxxxxxx play.

Southern-fried jazz on a soulful trombone  
Pleases him more than a succulent bone.  
Scientists try, but they cannot explain  
Music's appeal to my daffy Xxxxx Xxxx.

Raymond Stuart, West Medford, MA

## Anagrams

22 EH? CHURCH TOOK DEAF,  
BENT MAN (3 \*9 2 \*5 \*4)

23 O, NO, NO! ELBA APPARENT  
(\*8 \*9)

Janet S. Cohen, Kew Gardens, NY

24 NEAT PRIEST? (\*5 \*5)

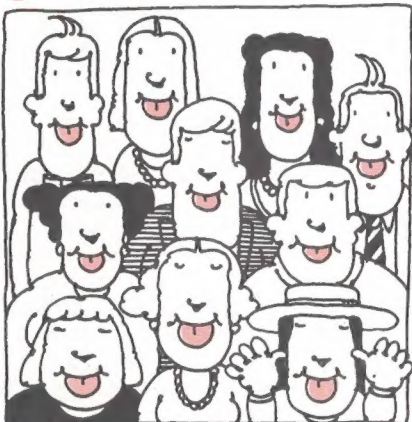
25 HI, SPOT MEN-HATER! (3 11)

26 GET GUCK, BEAR TRASH  
(3 7 6)

David Shulman, New York, NY

Do you feel the Muse? Send us an original puzzle of any type you've seen in "The Sphinx," and we'll thank you with \$20 if it is used. Anagrams will be judged for appositeness, and poetic puzzles for cleverness of keywords and verse. Write "The Sphinx," The Four-Star Puzzler, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Enclose a stamped return envelope if you wish a reply.

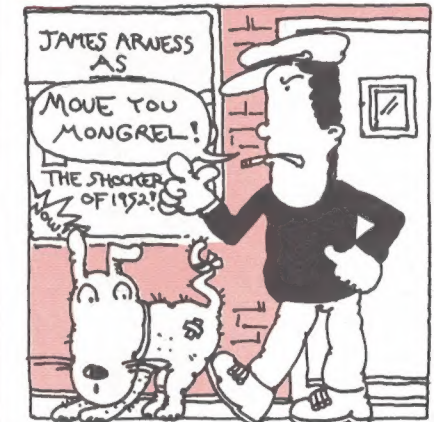
## 27 Chemical Element: 8



## 28 American Scientist: 6, 7



## 29 Statue: 3, 7





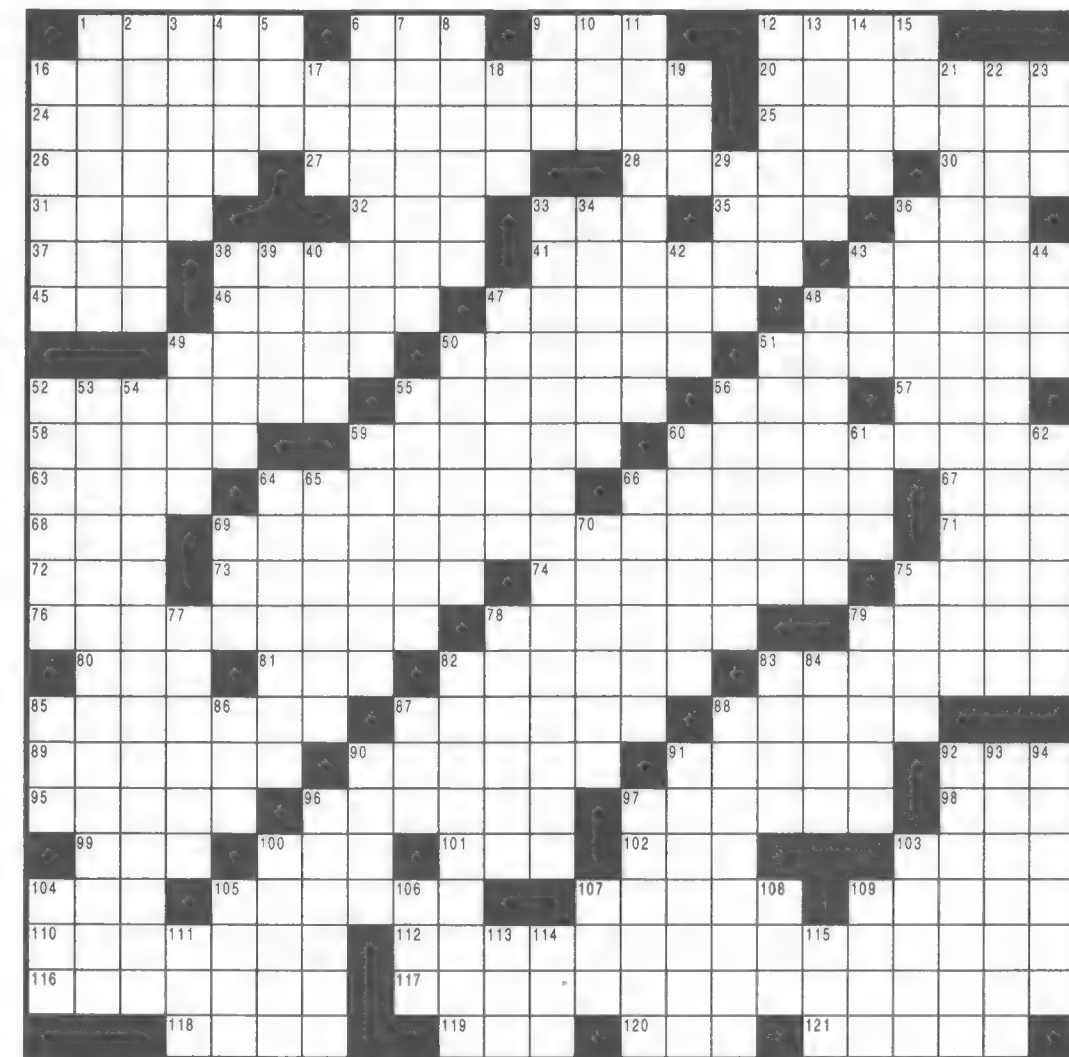
# 30 Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

JORDAN LASHER

## ACROSS

- 1 "\_\_\_ all there is..."  
 6 German exclamation  
 9 Domestic trade agcy.  
 12 Not slack  
 16 Play by David Rabe (with *In*)  
 20 Extreme  
 24 Trio in a Poe poem  
 25 France of France  
 26 Heraldic borders  
 27 Cinematic falcon's source  
 28 Dome team  
 30 Rhodesia's Smith  
 31 \_\_\_-do-well  
 32 \_\_\_ Aviv  
 33 \_\_\_ Jacinto  
 35 Mudder's fodder  
 36 Doctrine  
 37 Sound receiver  
 38 Likeness  
 41 DJ's selections  
 43 Small blisters  
 45 City rtes.  
 46 Work unflaggingly  
 47 Matador's cloth  
 48 Troops: Sp.  
 49 Stockpile  
 50 Balzac  
 51 Without exception  
 52 Fatty  
 55 Namesakes of a Bergen  
 56 Academic degrees  
 57 Branch of math.  
 58 Arrange  
 59 Golfer Baugh et al.

- 60 Mild rebuke  
 63 Cut, as wood  
 64 Cast a \_\_\_ (bewitch)  
 66 Twinned crystals  
 67 Controversial sighting  
 68 "\_\_\_ body meet..."  
 69 Requested aid, vociferously  
 71 Passenger's ticket: Abbr.  
 72 French possessive  
 73 Arrow poisons  
 74 Leather workers  
 75 Decree  
 76 Connotes  
 78 Less dark  
 79 Charcoal \_\_\_  
 80 "\_\_\_ by land, and 2..."  
 81 United  
 82 Walk shakily  
 83 Historic  
 85 Treats metal  
 87 Irritates



- 88 Caesar or Waldorf  
 89 Nash et al.  
 90 Monkey used in medical research

- 91 Charge  
 92 Broke bread  
 95 Whale food  
 96 Cow, with cud  
 97 Some sorters  
 98 Gypsy  
 99 Stop \_\_\_ dime  
 100 Road warning  
 101 English isle  
 102 Greeting  
 103 Cob or drake  
 104 Hipster's home  
 105 Deadly atmosphere  
 107 Not \_\_\_ in the world  
 109 Disagree aloud  
 110 Photography gear  
 112 Words in a Judy Garland song  
 116 Hard \_\_\_  
 117 Town crier's attribute  
 118 No contest, e.g.

- 119 Make tracks  
 120 Opp. of ant.  
 121 Tight situation

## DOWN

- 1 On that account  
 2 Wild, troublesome people  
 3 More qualified  
 4 Play quoits  
 5 Cry hysterically  
 6 Grammatical case  
 7 Group of cardinals  
 8 Of bonifaces  
 9 Dander  
 10 Mountain pass  
 11 Kitchen sieves  
 12 Royal headwear  
 13 Get one's goat  
 14 Actress Hagen et al.  
 15 Lunar New Year  
 16 Steaks  
 17 Hebrew letter  
 18 Graduate deg.  
 19 Readings for eds.  
 21 Blight of a sort

- 22 Donnybrook  
 23 Poetic word  
 29 "Take \_\_\_ Train"  
 33 Faulkner novel (with *The*)  
 34 Bronze and brass  
 36 Actress Massey et al.  
 38 Bar legally  
 39 Ziegfeld's namesakes  
 40 Token, frequently  
 42 Mineral suffix  
 43 Shivering sound  
 44 Compass point  
 47 Fifth president  
 48 Corn tops  
 49 Woven  
 50 Plant stems, in Britain  
 51 Boater in trouble  
 52 Noted saint's birthplace  
 53 Reactions in a packed stadium  
 54 Kipling line  
 55 French seaport

- 56 Tell or Hood  
 59 Looked slyly  
 60 Big name in Hollywood  
 61 Recipe amt.  
 62 Plump  
 64 Writes hastily  
 65 Babbles  
 66 Card games  
 69 Opposite of predecessor: Abbr.  
 70 Pinnacles: Fr.  
 75 Astaire or Allen  
 77 "\_\_\_ Song Comin' On," 1935 tune  
 78 "Pop" goer  
 79 Bombay bards  
 82 \_\_\_ of Nations: Smith  
 83 Leonine feature  
 84 Goodman's instr.  
 85 Astronaut's "all right"  
 86 Creature: Abbr.  
 87 Guevara  
 88 Feudal VIP

- 90 Greek letters  
 91 Yale vs. Harvard, e.g.  
 92 Asian language group  
 93 "Out \_\_\_"  
 94 Surface  
 96 Top-drawer  
 97 Family of Vanzetti's friend  
 100 Move edgewise  
 103 Casaba  
 104 "The Harper Valley \_\_\_"  
 105 Drudgery  
 106 Mike holders  
 107 G-man or T-man: Abbr.  
 108 Alfonso's queen  
 109 CCCIII doubled  
 111 Political patronage: Sl.  
 113 Beginning of the vowels  
 114 Compass point  
 115 Econ. yardstick





## 31 Tollgate Trouble, Hardcase?

### Three-Minute Detective

ROBERT L. LIDDIL

The North-South Tollway personnel disliked litter on their highway. Small wonder they were upset when, precisely at noon, all 280 pounds of Kurt "Jumbo" Schmaltz—punctuated by several .45 caliber exclamation points—were dumped beside the southbound lanes one mile north of the Bristol interchange by the occupants of a black limousine. Predictably, the toll personnel notified all toll booths to detain black limos, and summoned the police.

At 2:00 p.m. Inspector Hardcase and Jephro Homer were called to the Southpoint Tollgate (see map, next column) to interrogate the occupants of three such vehicles being detained by a nervously perspiring attendant with a shotgun. She relaxed as Hardcase covered the suspects and Homer searched them for weapons.

She handed Hardcase the cars' toll tickets with their license numbers noted on the backs. Mr. and Mrs. Black's ticket showed they had entered at Northpoint at 11:55 a.m., "Dapper" Dan Savile and "Bullets" Blair had a ticket stamped "Concord—12:13 p.m.," and James Walker's read "Bristol—11:45 a.m."

Mrs. Black thrust her face belligerently into Hardcase's. "We demand that you release us immediately! We're in a hurry!"

Hardcase glanced at the time stamped on the Blacks' ticket and nodded. "Obviously."

Walker squirmed uncomfortably, then said, "I was having lunch about the time of the killing. These other guys can tell you—I was just starting dessert when they came into the Midway Diner and joined another man who was already there."

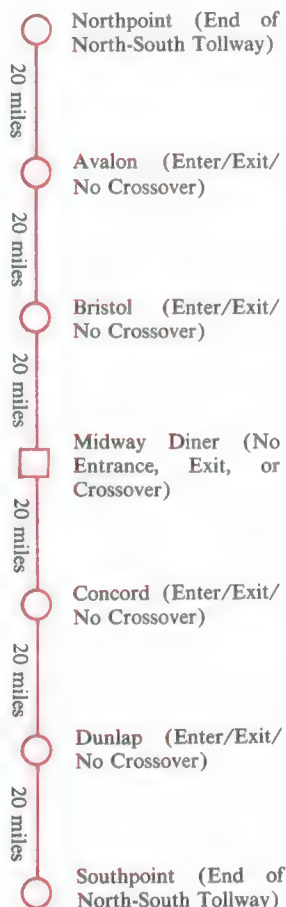
Hardcase glanced at the third ticket. "Car trouble, Bullets?"

"Yeah. Our coil wire broke and we had to splice it. You can check if you want to."

"Unnecessary," Hardcase answered. "I know who murdered Schmaltz."

Who?

Answer, page 14



## Son of Quick Brown Fox

### Results from November

This contest brought to our office an outpouring of letters—at least 26 per entry. The object was to write the cleverest and smoothest sentence (of up to 40 letters) that contained every letter of the alphabet.

First prize, a three-year subscription to *Word Ways, the Journal of Recreational Linguistics*, goes to Jane Blanshard of Storrs, CT, who wrote: MY JUNKIE'S FIX BRINGS WHOLE VICE SQUAD TO PIAZZA.

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Runners-up, each receiving "The Magic Snake Puzzle" from Hirschco, are:

JAZZ MAY BE QUITE RELAXING IF "CHOPSTICKS" WAIVED. —Roy A. Coombs, West Palm Beach, FL

SIX OF MY TRANQUILIZED PIGS HAVE BAD LOCKJAW. —Edward S. Derron, Roslyn Heights, NY

CRAZY QUIXOTE FIGHTS JOVI-AN BIPED (A/K/A WINDMILL) —Denice Pipkin, Albany, NY

HEAVY-JOWLED EX-MARINE BUCK GASPS: "FOUR-STAR QUIZ!" —Louise Lavars, Palos Verdes, CA

JAN SAVED MIXED BAG OF PATCHWORK FOR CRAZY QUILT. —Dede Johnson, Terre Haute, IN

\* \* \*

And honorable mention to:

WENCH IN JODHPURS VEXED MATE BY FLUNKING QUIZ. —Betty Bodendorf, Westfield, MA

"CZQUVWXMFPYOGKRVB!" SAID THE ALIEN. —Mark Chalom, Ogdensburg, NY

—LINDA BOSSON

## 32 Novel: 3, 4, 2, 3, 4



## 33 Fictional Character: 5, 4



## 34 Baseball Player: 2, 4





## 35 Missing Links

GARY DISCH

The kriss-kross grid below isn't quite finished. The 15 letters beneath it can be inserted to form a pattern of common words across and down. Can you find the unique solution?

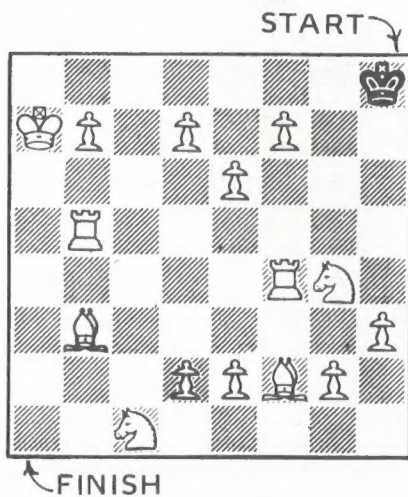


A C C E E F M O  
P R R S S U Y

## 36 Chess Maze

KENNETH FEUCHT

Can you negotiate the black King from the upper right to lower left corner of this chessboard maze? Move the King one square at a time in any direction, as in chess. You may never move the King into check, of course, but you may capture white pieces (which remain stationary) to clear the King's path. Are you equal to the royal challenge?

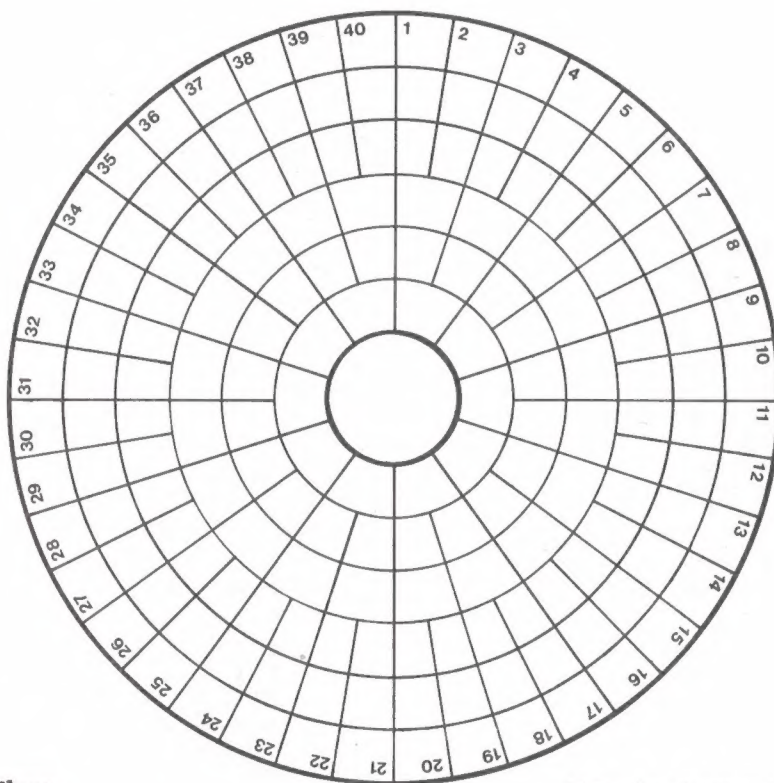


## 37 Maelstrom

## A Variety Cryptic Puzzle

MASS

The six-letter answers to this puzzle are to be entered radially to or from the appropriately numbered spaces in the wheel. Fill in 20 of the answers from the rim to the center, and the other 20 in reverse. The letters in the three inner rings are shared by the words leading to or from them. When you are done, the letters in the next to outermost ring, reading clockwise from Word 1, will spell a statement of identity. Answers include five proper names.



### Clues

- |    |   |    |  |
|----|---|----|--|
| 1  | Dirt put back to bury<br>gold that's hot                              | 25 | Unbashed and earned<br>right out                     |
| 2  | One merely repeating or<br>regressing, in part                        | 27 | Forbidden poet,<br>we're told                        |
| 3  | The Devil has the<br>skill to communicate                             | 28 | A gem smothered in<br>mascara blackens               |
| 4  | Ecstatic state induced<br>by nectar, perhaps                          | 29 | Mailer's sign?                                       |
| 5  | Maps showing wagons<br>loaded with heroin                             | 30 | No end to airline's<br>holiday                       |
| 6  | Energy surrounds<br>royal procession                                  | 31 | Meal's about finished                                |
| 7  | Divers needing heat<br>source to remove water                         | 32 | Kudos for each<br>returning Indian                   |
| 8  | With heartless cruelty,<br>antelopes get the swan                     | 33 | Warplane makes Southern<br>soldier and crowd retreat |
| 9  | Osbert's awful light  | 34 | Slight polish again                                  |
| 10 | Walk or ride past<br>the street                                       | 35 | Shirley endlessly<br>cavorts with enthusiasm         |
| 11 | Coal workers are<br>youthful people,<br>reportedly                    | 36 | Author who grinds out<br>corny stuff?                |
| 12 | Bloomers causing<br>awkward stares                                    | 37 | Maybe I'd come to<br>be a doctor                     |
| 13 | Temple leader cut short<br>by the French crowd                        | 38 | "I'm dead" carved into<br>a headpiece                |
| 14 | Railroad bends and<br>joints  | 39 | Copper's sound<br>temperament                        |
| 15 | Radiance about Ra's<br>first hallowed place                           | 40 | South changed my set<br>plan                         |
| 16 | Eat about five, I guess   |    |  |
| 17 | Stretches one's neck<br>to see the birds                              |    |  |
| 18 | Rather mindless<br>occupations back East                              |    |  |
| 19 | Spanish desserts made<br>with seasonings                              |    |  |
| 20 | Part of an ill-fitting<br>corset                                      |    |  |
| 21 | One who might pretend<br>having positive total                        |    |  |
| 22 | Might think about<br>small claim                                      |    |  |
| 23 | I'm upset by basic<br>education having nothing<br>to allow reflection |    |  |
| 24 | Martin is traveling to<br>a Northern Irish county                     |    |  |
| 25 | Inducement for youngster<br>to eat cracked nut                        |    |  |



# ANSWERS

## 1 This Issue

- Grandparents (G, R, and P aren't S)
- Condone (C on D on E)
- Colonial period (Colon IAL period)
- Candy cane (C and Y, C, an E)
- Right of way (Right of W a Y)
- Coupons (CO upon S)
- Cleft palate (C left, PA late)
- Apple turnover (A PPLE turn over)
- Concentric (C on cent, RIC)
- Poverty-stricken (P over T, Y stricken)
- Spring cleaning (SP ring, C leaning)
- Undercover agents (Under C, over a G, ENTS)
- Skedaddled (SKED added)
- Tintype (T in type)
- Make a clean breast of it (Make a C lean, BR east of it)

9. 1. False! The flag does have vertical stripes of blue, white, and red, but their widths are an optical illusion. They only look equal due to refraction. 2. It's the last verse of "Mary Had a Little Lamb." 3. If he is giving expert testimony. Anyone may be called upon to do so, regardless of prior involvement in a case. 4. Lady Godiva. 5. The offspring of a male lion and a female tiger. The opposite would be called a tigon. 6. Drink a toast. 7. Read. Fillmore couldn't read Latin. 8. West Point, NY. 9. Apt. 10. El Greco, Spanish for "the Greek." 11. The Dutch boy—the tune for "The Battle Hymn" is the same as that of the Dutch national anthem. 12. Founded by Brigham Young, it's the world's oldest department store. 13. All three are. 14. The Eiffel Tower. 15. *Mork and Mindy*. Laughter enables you to relax, thus aiding the digestive process. 16. All had blue eyes.

11. President John Jefferson, penthouse, Miss Jackson, likes suede jackets, jogs in the office; Vice-President Quincy Madison, Suite 36-N, Mrs. Pershing, likes fast sports cars, doesn't allow coffee breaks; Board Chairman Aaron Adams, Suite 35-S, Mr. Perry, likes cheese Danish, fears cars; Research Director James Burr, Suite 36-S, Miss Grant, likes long black cigars, donates to charities; Sales Manager Thomas Hancock, Suite 35-N, Miss Lee, likes bow ties, never wears a hat.

12. Overall standings: Brawny, 13 pts.; Inept, 11 pts.; Calisthenics, 9 pts.; Second-Rate, 7 pts.; Ambidextrous, 5 pts.

Rankings in each event: Pogo cross-country (a.m.)—Brawny, Calisthenics, Second-Rate; Wheelbarrow race (a.m.)—Second-Rate, Ambidextrous, Calisthenics; Daredevil diving (p.m.)—Inept, Brawny, Second-Rate; Hopscotch relay (p.m.)—Brawny, Inept, Ambidextrous; Tiddlywinks tourney (p.m.)—Calisthenics, Inept, Ambidextrous.

13. The winning numbers were B-14, I-28, N-39, G-56, and O-70.

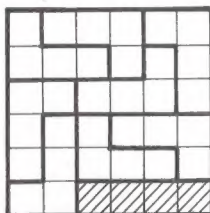
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14. The 12 errors are: the Ace of Spades is printed sideways; the (black) Ten of Clubs is played on the (black) Jack of Spades; three cards shown—the Eleven of Clubs, the Four of Stars, and the One of Diamonds—don't exist; the Four of Hearts is shown among the foundation cards, while the Three of Hearts, upon which the Four must have been played, is still in the tableau; the Jack of Clubs has a Queen's face; one card in the sixth column has the wrong back; the Ten of Spades is played on the Queen of Hearts; the seventh column has too many face-down cards; the Ten of Hearts appears twice; the two middle pips of the Seven of Clubs are upside-down.

31. The Blacks entered at a point from which they could have done the dirty deed, but not at the stated time unless they'd averaged 468 mph—unlikely. Walker entered south of where "Jumbo" was dumped, and in the southbound lanes. He needed no further alibi. This leaves only Dapper and Bullets as the possible killers. Their ticket showed they'd entered far south of the scene of the "littering." However, the ticket they presented at Southpoint was actually that of the accomplice they met at the Midway Diner. Dapper and Bullets had gotten on at Avalon, dumped their "litter," and traded tickets with the accomplice at the diner. (They must have gotten on at Avalon, since a Northpoint attendant would have embarrassing questions for anyone turning in a Northpoint ticket at Northpoint.)

45. Nonetheless.

46. Eight. One solution is shown. It is impossible to get nine complete pieces.



47. July sixth.

48. The marble broke into chunks of weight 1, 3, 9, and 27 pounds.

49. Eighteen. A 10-point handicap implies a player is 4/5 as good as his opponent (needing 40 points to his opponent's 50). So Charles is 4/5 as good as Bob, who is in turn 4/5 as good as Al. Thus Charles is  $4/5 \times 4/5 = 16/25$  as good as Al, and should be required to get 32 points to Al's 50.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 50 \quad 117 \\
 \times 319 \\
 \hline
 1053 \\
 117 \\
 351 \\
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 37323
 \end{array}$$

51. Twenty-two. (You also have 14 beasts.)

52. The word is "NEWNESS." The symbols represent the four compass points.

53. Make the pants and vest first, of course.

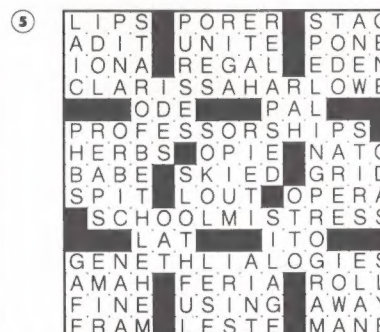


55. Each is an anagram of one of the four compass directions—north, east, south, and west.

56. Ten feet.

## Last Issue

2. Decoded message: SUCCESS IS YOURS



6. ACROSS: 1. COR(SIC)A 5. MEASLES (anag.) 9. ATT.-ACHE 10. DIOR-A.M.A. 11. WEAVE (homophone) 12. GREEN-BACK 13. MAELSTROM (anag. & lit.) 14. SHEA-F 16. N(EST.)S 18. A-BOUT-FACE 21. SLOW-PITCH 23. ANNU(a)L 24. BAR-KEEP (peek rev.) 25. LI(A-IS)ON 26. REEN-TRY (ne'er rev.) 27. OUT(R)AGE

DOWN: 1. CHA(i)RWOMAN 2. RET-RACE 3. INCREASES (anag.) 4. (s.c.) AVENGER 5. MIDTERM (anag.) 6. ADO-R.N. 7. LEAFAGE (anag.) 8.



STACK (2 mngs.) 14. SETS-A-PART 15. FR(EEL)ANCE (Lee rev.) 17. S-COUR(a)GE 18. AUTO-PSY (spy anag.) 19. O.T.-HELLO 20. AMNES(I)A (seaman anag.) 21. SOBER (anag.) 22. PLEAT (hidden)

**16 Word List:** A. Hebrew B. Testate C. Klaatu Borada D. Alexander E. Niff-naff F. Euterpe G. Pollywogs H. Light heavyweight I. Affidavit J. Nemeses K. Traffic cop L. *All's Well That M.* Thornycroft N. Iguassu O. *Ob-jet d'art* P. Nerves Q. Primps R. Arguing S. Recompense T. Apple-pie order U. Don Juan V. *Ends Well*

**Quotation:** Rising on any given day, a planter's guest might expect a glassful of brandy, sugar and peppermint, under an island of ice, for all the evils of climate. Afterward, julep two, to help cope with dew or fever. Julep three was the last before breakfast.—H. T. Kane, *Plantation Parade*

- 17** Specter/scepter/respect **18** P-I-ate  
**19** Hearty pats/party hats  
**20** Motorboat/moat-herb-oat **21** K-eyed  
**22** Dunaway/runaway **23** The winter season  
**24** No trespassing  
**25** Metropolitan Opera House  
**26** Metropolitan Opera House  
**27** *Saturday Night Live*



- 35** Puppeteers claim that puppets are moved by hand from below, while marionettes are jerked by wires from above.  
**36** Replacing hydrogen with helium in rigid airship gas cells might have avoided fiery zeppelin tragedy.  
**37** Myriads of miracle synthetic fibers free homemaker from back-breaking ironing drudgery.  
**38** Marching to the sound of your own drummer is OK until you try for employment with a symphony.  
**39** Dieters should watch just public television. Lack of commercial breaks inhibits refrigerator raiding.  
**46 Word List:** A. LENGTHWISE (anag.) B. DIS(PUT)ABLE C. M(OTHER)LINES)S D. TWITTER (pun) E. HOLINESS (homophone) F. HER-E G. VIE-WED H. Z(ER)O (all rev.) I. CULPABLE (anag.) J. BE FALL (pun) K. ARCHES (anag.) L. TEST-ATE M. TO-NY N. FUR-Y

**Paragraph:** Alphabetize the fourteen answers in the word list. A message will be spelled by their fourth letters consecutively.

**Message:** Happy Eighty-Two!

## Cryptography

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Each of these messages has been put into a simple substitution letter code. The substitutions are constant throughout each cipher, but change from one cipher to the next. An asterisk indicates a proper name.

### 38 Hair Apparent

\*BROW \*PHOTAR CRY YDRGJ. CMRJ JRLDRV  
 CHNBO GTYF MNYSRVOBW CGRJM SW  
 YKKFTVP MKG MTOOKV RYYKJY?

### 39 Chip In

KG VBMDKPN RTSKHU MP BJFT, BJZ VJFT UJ  
 FMHN BJCUTBJXQTDU BMLT MXDTMQN SKLTH  
 MP PBT JGGKVT?

### 40 Happy Face

MPXPKNKJX MWNMJF MXPCV LJHF PV JVWDJZ  
 SGYZJL KZGHJNWVR FQGRRT WVEWRP  
 ZTZUNPCF, UJXUPJF LWVY VPFZ.

### 41 Behind Bars

JRMBGTHW FSMTCTVSWB FSMRW HK  
 WHKRGSTG WSJRPGY DSBX TGYQVR  
 CSNHRHG, ZGYQJU, CRFTQ BDSWB TLRG  
 WXYLRJ SPR.

### 42 Something's Bruin

MLYYX GHTNT SPTKY FRUP HUNX HU  
 VPKCTRU PLVTNXJCLY YJPVRPY, BTGRUD  
 CWPB FRMMRVLNC QHH DLPYCY.

### 43 Newscaster: 6, 1, 5



### 44 U.S. City: 5





